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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2881

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, the due date being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please reconsider the rejections based on the following remarks. A copy of the pending claims is set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for producing a flux of charge carriers comprising:
a source which comprises and emitter having a nanometre scale tip radius on a